

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 12, line 8, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--The IF card 20 includes: a buffer section 211, a packet restoring section 212, a frame restoring section 213, a retransmission controller 214, and a timer ~~[[216]]~~ 215.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 12, line 26, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--In an embodiment, when OCHs set up between an Ingress and an Egress are inputted/outputted onto the light WDM network, the OCHs are wavelength-multiplexed/demultiplexed by optical multiplexer/~~demultiplex~~ demultiplexer 31 or 231 as shown in FIGS. ~~1 and 2~~ 2 and 3, accommodated in a optical fiber to be transferred on the light WDM network using different wavelengths. However, as other embodiments, the arbitral number of OCHs may be accommodated in each of the plural optical fibers, or each OCH may be accommodated in the individual fibers.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 22, line 24, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--The timer 215, accompanying the frame ~~forming~~ restoring section 213 at the Egress, clocks a period of an interval between incoming frames, and informs the frame ~~forming~~ reforming section 213 of time-out of a frame, which

has not arrived after the maximum interval period has passed.
Thereby the frame ~~forming~~ restoring section 213 decides that the
frame has been lost on the network.--